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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Richard R. Burt
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of European Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT : Comments on Europe's Economic Prospects:
Their Implications for US-European Relations

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your Office's paper on Europe's economic problems. As you indicated in your note, our analysis of West European economic prospects is much the same as your staff's. I should point out, however, that we are less sanguine about Western Europe's ability to muddle through the remainder of the decade, and are more concerned about the consequences for the United States of poor economic performance in Europe. Attached are more detailed comments on these points. We did not directly address the paper's policy recommendations.



Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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